

ad valorem tax for them is to be sure that they have an opportunity to come in and visit with us in case, for any reason, any particular district feels that it is absolutely necessary to have an ad valorem tax. But if, but if what we are doing is attempting to get rid of property taxes and to get rid of some of these units out there that are levying extra property taxes that result in a build up of property taxes, this is one way to do it; require districts that are essentially for a specific improvement, such as drainage, bank improvement, things that can be attributed to, as benefits, to particular parcels of property, require them to do it as you would do a paving district or a sewer district or any other kind of improvement district by means of assessments particularly against the property in accordance with the benefit against the property as opposed to allowing an ad valorem tax or one more property tax to add on to the bill. That's the purpose of this particular amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Jones to speak to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, I am going to stand in support of this. We heard it in Natural Resources Committee and it is kind of strange to me because I don't have them out in my area. The most of them are in the eastern part of the state, and, really, this is a double taxation for the people in that district, and I think they should identify themselves, and, hopefully, that they would merge with the NRD district in their district so there'd just be one taxation there. So I am going to stand in support of this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, a couple of questions first, if you would, Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR WARNER: You indicated this is part of the Natural Resources Committee work, I am not sure. Is this a bill?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It is, Senator. It is LB 1384, which I believe is consent...